

honor of being called the "Twelve Immortals." Thanks to this extraordinary ruling, the constitutional principles of representative government and political self-determination, critical to the success of the coming American Revolution, became engrained throughout the colonies. Indeed, it is noteworthy that these early jurists established through their bold ruling the principle of judicial independence, striking down the decree of Parliament and reinforcing the obligation of courts to protect the rights and liberties of people.

The judges' ruling set off great rejoicing in the streets of Frederick. A parade was held through the streets highlighted by a funeral procession. The community was so thankful for this decision that they covered a coffin in anti-Stamp Act slogans and symbolically laid the Stamp Act to rest.

This year, on the 250th anniversary, the celebration will include a reenactment of the parade that carried the coffin containing the now-deceased Stamp Act through the streets of Frederick. The current Clerk of the Frederick County Court, Sandra Dalton, will read the words that were recorded in 1765. A new sign will be dedicated on the grounds of the City Hall, recognizing the courage of the twelve judges who protected the rights and liberties of all people.

Mr. Speaker, Frederick County, Maryland has a proud history of patriotism and standing up against tyranny. I am proud that the community is gathering to celebrate this defining moment in our history.

TROOP 395 EAGLE SCOUTS

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 16, 2015

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate three outstanding young men who have earned the rank of Eagle Scout with Missouri City Boy Scout Troop 395.

These three Scouts are among less than five percent of all Boy Scouts to earn such a prestigious rank by dedicating countless hours towards organizing and working on service projects with Troop 395. For his Eagle Scout project, Ethan Spendlove, a senior at Ridge Point High School, built a shade canopy for a local community garden. Matheus Meneses, a senior at Elkins High School, built a corral trap for wild hogs at an area nature preserve. Tyler Echard, a sophomore at Ridge Point High School, built bat houses in his neighborhood to help lower the mosquito population. These Eagle Scouts exemplify the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership. We are extremely proud of their selfless dedication to our community and for demonstrating such strong leadership.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to Ethan, Matheus, and Tyler for earning Eagle Scout. They have bright futures as community leaders ahead.

HONORING THE LIFE OF NOHEMI GONZALEZ

HON. GRACE F. NAPOLITANO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 16, 2015

Mrs. NAPOLITANO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great sadness that I rise to honor the life of Nohemi "Mimi" Gonzalez, a 23-year-old senior at California State University, Long Beach, who was killed in the senseless terrorist attacks in Paris on Friday, November 13, 2015. Nohemi, a native of the San Gabriel Valley, was in the Petit Cambodge restaurant with another Long Beach State student when she was fatally shot by the Islamic State group, also known as ISIS. Nohemi was in Paris studying at the State College of Design during a semester abroad program.

A proud independent and energetic first-generation Mexican-American, Nohemi was born on October 19, 1992, in Whittier, where she grew up. She graduated early from Whittier High School and became a first-generation college student. Gonzalez was studying Industrial Design, paying her way through school with help from an on-campus job in the school's design shop. Nohemi was full of life. Her classmates called her a firecracker and a rabbit—hopping around the Cal State Long Beach campus's design school eager to help anyone who needed it. She loved life and was eager to learn and partake in our American dream.

Nohemi is survived by her mother, Beatrice and step-father, Jose Hernandez, residents of El Monte. Beatrice wanted her daughter to be remembered as a young Latina who worked hard to get ahead. I wish to express my sincere sympathy to her parents as well as her extended family, friends, and the entire Cal State Long Beach community, who have all been devastated by the loss of one so loved. I ask that all of my colleagues join me to honor the life of Nohemi Gonzalez and remember all those who lost their lives in Paris.

EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES TO THE VICTIMS OF THE TERRORIST ATTACKS IN PARIS AND SOLIDARITY WITH THE PEOPLE OF FRANCE

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 16, 2015

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in sorrow over the loss of so many innocent lives cut short by the outrageous and heinous acts of terrorism that shocked and rocked the people of Paris last Friday and earned the lasting enmity of peaceful and freedom loving people around the world.

Right now, our prayers are with the victims and their families at this terrible time.

And we stand in unyielding solidarity with the people of France, which like the United States, is one of the most welcoming nations in the world.

Mr. Speaker, for centuries Paris has been known to the world as the City of Light.

The title is richly deserved because Paris has been a world leader in the march of

human progress in the arts, culture, science, democratic theory and governance, and embraces the challenges and opportunities of the modern world.

Those who think that they can terrorize the people of France or the values that they cherish underestimate a nation that has faced and prevailed against far more sinister and lethal adversaries.

And they will again, but they will not confront these adversaries alone.

They will be joined by the United States and the other countries of the civilized world.

The French are justly proud of their national motto, "Liberte, egalite, fraternite," (liberty, equality, fraternity) and no act of terrorism by cowardly perpetrators will succeed in leading them to renounce their heritage of freedom and justice.

It is a heritage that we here in the United States share.

And that is why the civilized world must and will rededicate itself to combating and defeating radical jihadism.

And as has been done many times throughout the long and special relationship between the United States and France, we will face and overcome threats to our way of life together.

We will not bow and will never break; we will not falter or fail.

We will respond. We will endure. We will overcome.

The terrorist attacks in Paris on Friday were horrific acts on innocent civilians perpetrated by depraved individuals who misuse the peaceful religion of Islam for their own misguided purposes.

Their horrible and heinous acts are their responsibility, and theirs alone, and for which they can be assured that they alone will be held accountable.

But that will come another day; today I ask a moment of silence for the victims killed and injured in the terrorist attacks last Friday in Paris.

HONORING MICHAEL FITZGERALD AND FINER FOODS FOR THEIR THANKSGIVING GENEROSITY

HON. ROBERT J. DOLD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 16, 2015

Mr. DOLD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Michael Fitzgerald of Finer Foods. Since 1934, Finer Foods and the Fitzgerald family have put food on tables of Chicagoland's restaurants, grocery stores and cafeterias. Finer Foods is truly one of Chicago's iconic family businesses.

For the last five years, Michael and Finer Foods have graciously donated and delivered turkeys and Thanksgiving fixings for families in North Chicago, Waukegan and Zion, Illinois. I have personally witnessed how this generosity has impacted the lives of people suffering temporary economic hardship during the Thanksgiving season.

On behalf of the people of the 10th Congressional and the hundreds of families who enjoyed Thanksgiving dinner, I want to offer our sincere and heartfelt thank you.